## **Child Safety Seat Program**

It is essential that every person caring for a child or infant understand the proper installation and use of a child safety seat/restraint system. Because the sheriff's office feels so strongly about the need to educate the public on this issue, we have certified several people as instructors. Those employees are Deputy Mike Matoushek and Deputy Kelly Cotter.

Community training can be scheduled by contacting Deputy Matoushek at 920-386-4108.

## Types of car safety seats at a glance

The chart below is a quick guide on where to start your search, however, it is important to know more about the features and how to use your car safety seat.

Age	Type of Seat	General Guideline
	Rear-facing only seats	All infants and toddlers should ride in a Rear-
Infants/Toddlers	and rear-facing	Facing Car Seat until they are 2 years of age or
	convertible seats	until they reach the highest weight or height
		allowed by their car seat's manufacturer.
		Any child 2 years or older who has outgrown the
		rear-facing weight or height limit for their car
		seat should use a <b>Forward-Facing Car Seat</b> with
	Convertible seats and	a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest
Toddlers/Preschoolers	forward-facing seats	weight or height allowed their car seat's
	with harness	manufacturer. This also applies to any child
		younger than 2 years who has outgrown the rear-
		facing weight or height limit of their seat.
		All children whose weight or height is above the
		forward-facing limit for their car seat should use
School-aged children	Booster seats	a <b>Belt-Positioning Booster Seat</b> until the vehicle
		seat belt fits properly, typically when they have
		reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between
		8 and 12 years of age.
		When children are old enough and large enough
		to use the vehicle seat belt alone they should
		always use Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts for
Older children	Seat belts	optimal protection.
		All children younger than 13 years should be
		restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal
		protection.

For additional information see:

www.healthychildren.org

(Safety & Prevention > On the Go > Car Seats: Information for Families for 2013)

